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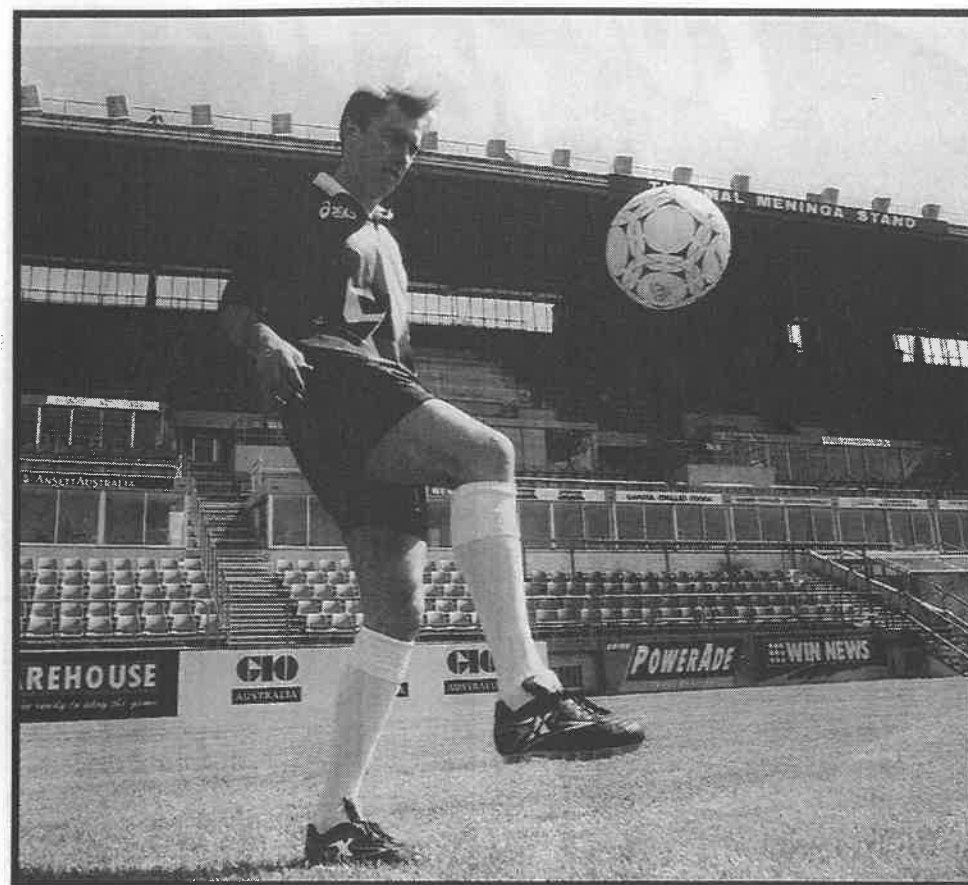
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## Chairman's Welcome



Welcome to the Ericsson Cup. Soccer Australia's new national competition. The Ericsson Cup will provide Australia with the highest quality national competition. What the Ericsson Cup represents is the show-case of the best Australian soccer.

We are extremely pleased to see this year's competition about to commence with a number of improvements. Firstly, the name and format has changed. The Ericsson Cup is now a 12 team competition played in three rounds followed by a finals series. We also welcome teams from Newcastle and Canberra into the national competition thereby taking soccer at its highest club level to two of Australia's largest non State Capital cities. Additionally, we are pleased to welcome new naming rights sponsor - Ericsson Australia, who will be our national league partner for five years initially and many more to come, hopefully. One other major change is the introduction of Optus Vision as the soccer cable television network who along with SBS Television will now bring soccer into more homes than ever before with far greater selection of matches for viewers to see.

We are also pleased to welcome back Optus Communications together with our new airline sponsor Ansett Australia. Additionally, we are grateful for the ongoing sponsorship from Coca Cola Amatil, Mitre Sports and United Distillers. All in all, an exciting time for Australian soccer.

David Hill  
Chairman

## The Ericsson Cup

Communication and mobile phone giant Ericsson announced last week that they are supporting the new A League format in a multi million dollar deal which links them to Australia's premier soccer competition until the turn of the century.

The deal that may be the most significant ever announced in Australian soccer was launched by Chairman of the Australian Soccer Federation David Hill who claimed:

"The continued success of soccer in Australia is dependent on having a national competition that is well structured and financially viable. We now have the necessary structure in place, and I am delighted to announce that our national competition is now also financially viable, thanks to the support of Ericsson Australia".

Socceroo captain and Canberra Cosmos star Paul Wade was also at the launch and took the honours of unveiling the Ericsson Cup trophy. The Ericsson Cup trophy will be contested by all twelve teams over the A League season with a grand final set down for early June 1996.

Canberra viewers can keep up to date with the progress of the Ericsson Cup on SBS Television, with Pay TV operator Optus Vision, who will also provide extensive coverage of the Ericsson Cup not expected to broadcast in Canberra for some time.

## NSL Results Table 1994/95

TEAM	P	W	D	PW	L	PTS
Melb Knights	24	16	4	2	4	70
Adelaide City	24	16	4	1	4	69
Sydney United	24	15	5	3	4	68
Morwell Falc	24	8	11	4	5	47
West Adelaide	24	8	8	5	8	45
South Melbourne	24	9	5	3	10	44
Brisbane Strikers	24	8	6	3	10	41
Wollongong City	24	8	4	2	12	38
Sydney Olympic	24	8	4	1	12	37
Marconi Fairfield	24	6	7	4	11	35
Melbourne SC	24	6	6	4	12	34
Parramatta	24	7	3	2	14	33
Heidelberg	24	6	3	1	15	28

# The Twelve A-League Teams

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Adelaide City Zebras



Brisbane Strikers



Canberra Cosmos



Marconi Fairfield



Melbourne Knights



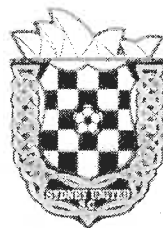
Morwell Falcons



Newcastle Breakers



South Melbourne



Sydney United



UTS Olympic



West Adelaide Sharks



Wollongong City

# The Ericsson Cup Draw

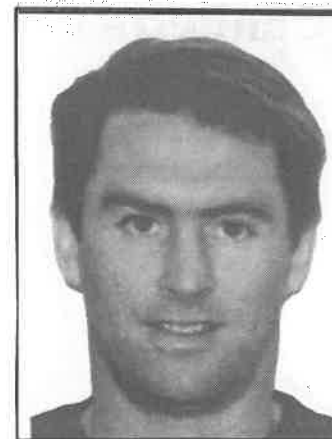
## CANBERRA COSMOS HOME GAMES IN BOLD

Rd	Date	Match	Time	Result
1	8/10/95	v Adelaide City	7:30pm	0-2
2	4/10/95	v Sydney United	7:00pm	
4	22/10/95	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm	
5	28/10/95	v UTS Olympic	7:00pm	
3	1/11/95	v Wollongong City	7:30pm	
6	4/11/95	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm	
7	11/11/95	v West Adelaide	7:00pm	
8	18/11/95	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm	
9	25/11/95	v Newcastle Breakers	7:00pm	
10	3/12/95	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm	
12	9/12/95	v Adelaide City	7:00pm	
11	13/12/95	v Morwell Falcons	7:30pm	
13	17/12/95	v Sydney United	7:45pm	
15	26/12/95	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm	
16	30/12/95	v UTS Olympic	7:00pm	
17	6/1/96	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm	

## Mid Season Break - January (Johnnie Walker Cup, Preliminary Rounds)

18	4/2/96	v West Adelaide	7:30pm
19	10/2/96	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm
20	16/2/96	v Newcastle Breakers	7:45pm
21	24/2/96	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm
22	2/3/96	v Morwell Falcons	7:00pm
23	10/3/96	v Adelaide City	7:30pm
24	13/3/96	v Sydney United	7:30pm
25	16/3/96	v Wollongong City	7:00pm
26	24/3/96	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm
27	27/3/96	v UTS Olympic	7:30pm
28	30/3/96	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm
29	6/4/96	v West Adelaide	7:00pm
30	8/4/96	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm
31	13/4/96	v Newcastle Breakers	7:00pm
32	21/4/96	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm
33	28/4/96	v Morwell Falcons	7:00pm

NSL Top 6 Series commences on 4th/5th May 1996  
Grand Final 9th June 1996



PAUL WADE  
PROFILE OF A  
STAR

## Socceroo Success

- Socceroo Captain since 1990.
- Socceroo regular since 1986.
- Record number of Socceroo caps - 72 "A" internationals.

## Club Champion

- National Soccer League Player of the Year 1988.
- Championships medal with South Melbourne 1991 and Brunswick Juventus 1985.
- Captain of South Melbourne and Brunswick Juventus 1985.

## Other Achievements

- January 26, 1995  
Order of Australia Medal
- February, 1995  
International Fair Play Award

Paul Wade epitomises everything the Australian public love about their sporting heroes. Paul has worked hard to make the most of his talent and earn a reputation as one of the fiercest and fairest competitors in Aussie soccer. Always leading from the front "Wadey" is one of the most popular Aussie Soccer players amongst his peers, coaches, media and fans.



# Canberra Cosmos

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# Sydney United

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1. Danny Milosevic Goalkeeper
2. Paul Dee Midfielder
3. Joe Gagetti Defender
4. Richard Watson Defender
5. Jason Dunn Defender
6. Paul Wade Midfield
7. Michael Garcia Midfield
8. Paul McVitie Forward
9. Lachlan Armstrong Forward
10. Marko Perinovic Forward
11. Toplica Popovich Midfield
12. Arsenije Popovich Midfield
13. Paul Gagetti Forward
14. James Baxter Defender
15. Willie Hastie Midfield
16. Scott Conlon Midfield
17. Leo Langone Midfield
18. Alan Strachan Defender
19. Elliot Zwangobani Midfield
20. Ben Harris Goalkeeper

1. John Perosh Goalkeeper
2. Robert Trajkovski Defender
3. Velimir Kupresak Defender
4. Tony Popovic (c) Defender
5. Mark Babic Defender
6. Robert Enes Midfield
8. Ante Moric Midfield
9. Robert Markovac Midfield
10. Ante Milicic Striker
11. Dominic Usalj Striker
12. Mark Rudan Defender
13. Mario Jermen Striker
14. David Zdrilic Defender/Striker
15. Sean Babic Striker
16. Manis Lamond Striker
17. Paul Bilokapic Defender
18. Richard Pleasa Defender



## COSMOS COACHING STAFF

**Coach:** Michael Lyons  
**Assistant:** Ian Heywood  
**Manager:** Tony Borgia  
**Doctor:** Dr Trevor Law  
**Physio:** Julian Russell Jones  
**Masseur:** Andrew Ferrari  
**Trainer:** Barry Rumble

## Home Strip

**Shirt:** Dark Blue  
**Trim:** Orange/White

**Shorts:** Dark Blue  
**Trim:** Orange/White

## Alternate Strip

**Shirt:** Grey  
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## SYDNEY UNITED, A CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM ?

Sydney United have been considered by the soccer press as one of the real forces in the 1995/1996 Ericsson Cup. They have a desirable mixture of talented youth with some old heads and are expected to figure prominently in championship calculations this season. Led by the talented Soccerroo defender Tony Popovic and coached again by Brank Culina Sydney United fans are expecting big things from their club. The loss of several experienced players, including Soccerroo keeper Zelko Kalac who has chosen to further his career in the English Premier League with Leicester City could impact on the consistent performances of the past three seasons. However, they have a team made up almost entirely of young soccerroos and current Australian internationals and will certainly test the cohesion of the Cosmos line up.

## COSMOS SEASON TICKETS

Season Tickets for the remainder of the Cosmos season are available from the Canberra Cosmos office.

## 100 CLUB

Canberra Cosmos 100 club memberships are selling quickly. Reserve yours now.

Contact Rhonda on  
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**Trim:** Red

## Alternate Strip

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**Shorts:** Black  
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## From the LYONS Den

It is with some satisfaction that I welcome the soccer supporters of Canberra to our first home game tonight.

It has been nearly three months since I first arrived in Canberra and since that time I have experienced a wide range of emotions, but with the season now upon us I feel that in the Canberra Cosmos we have a team that will not only be competitive in the Ericsson League, but represent Canberra with pride and distinction at a national level.

It is a long way from Goodison Park Everton, to Bruce Stadium, Canberra and I am thankful that the players and I can now focus on the enormous task ahead and what we need to do to achieve our goals on the field.

Our 0-2 loss to Adelaide City in Adelaide last weekend was slightly disappointing, but it showed many people that we can mix it with the very best teams in the country and silenced some critics who did not think we could match it with the high flyers of the competition.

Adelaide City have only been beaten once at home in the last twelve months and have played in the last three grand finals, winning two and falling to the Melbourne Knights last season.

If a couple of things had gone our way we would have returned to Canberra with at least a point and an outstanding start to the 1995/1996 Ericsson Cup.

The job for the team has only just begun. We have to earn the respect and right to compete in the A League and will take a tremendous effort from every player.

We have immense talent, youthful enthusiasm and some experience and I confidently look forward to tonight's encounter.

We have met Sydney United in a pre season friendly and were narrowly beaten 2-1 in a game we could and should have won. The crowd and the representatives from Sydney United were less than gracious in that victory and we look forward to tonight's



opportunity to match it with our northern rivals and send them back to Sydney dreading their next trip to the national capital. I hope you enjoy tonight's game and I hope to see you at our next home match.

Michael Lyons  
Coach

## Culina Whips Cosmos into Action

*Canberra Times soccer writer Matt Taylor takes a look at tonight's match.*

Sydney United coach Branko Culina made a frank statement which he may subsequently rue, after his supposedly understrength team struggled to eclipse Canberra Cosmos in a Waratah Cup encounter last month.

Culina had the audacity to say, "Canberra will be the whipping boys of the A League", following his sides 2-1 win.

Perhaps it was a fair statement based on what he understood of the Cosmos team, but to be perfectly honest, his overt comments have only facilitated a motivational tool for the Cosmos players and coach to employ when the two sides meet in the A League.

In fact, all Cosmos's coach Michael Lyons has to do to ignite his players in the dressing room before tonight's game, is to pin Culina's comments up on the wall alongside the players' exit sign. Moreover, it is quite conceivable that the United and Cosmos fixture could develop into a State of Origin match up. While it

would be state versus state, it certainly wouldn't be mate versus mate.

After last week first round of the newly named Ericsson Cup, two things stood out in both teams performances. Firstly, United struggled to find the back of the net, and the Cosmos would be a side to be reckoned with during the season.

If anything Cosmos team will be bolstered tonight after its resolute effort against league favourites, Adelaide City on Sunday. The reason Marko Perinovic, whose aerial dominance and physical preparation has been the scourge of many defender, will provide Cosmos with an attacking option.

Lyons, who was delighted with the team's debut game last week, said Perinovic's inclusion at striker would impinge on the defensive superiority of United.

"I think he scared United's defenders in the Waratah Cup game," he said. "His strength and determination, I thought, saw him out-point [soccerroo defender Tony] Popovic. Marko is also a target

and that was an aspect of play we missed against Adelaide. I'm sure he'll be pumped up for a big game on Saturday night".

Cosmos back four, which stymied the attacking brilliance of Damien Mori last week, could be the key to success tonight. With Soccerroo skipper Paul Wade sweeping, Jason Dunn and Richard Watson in the central defence and the classy Paul Dee weaving his magic at right back, herein lies one of the main strengths of the Cosmos team. So what does Culina expect from the relatively unknown Cosmos team tonight?

"They will certainly be pumped up, but I still think they might be whipped in the first few rounds", he said. "We must have the mental toughness to counter enthusiastic teams like Cosmos and Newcastle, and have more control in our play". He said the main danger for the Cosmos team could be attacking full-back Robert Trajkovski, whose speed and pin point crosses wrecked havoc against West Adelaide last week.

## ACT Academy of Sport

1. Blair Machin
2. Jason Markezic
3. Manuel Sermeno
4. Oscar Zamora
5. Luke Larfield
6. Steve Richards
7. Michael Barac
8. Scott Conlon (O/Age)
9. Daniel Bennett
10. Anthony Barac
11. Pathana Phommaseisy
12. David Arranz
13. John Glass
14. Luke Larfield
15. Craig Unwin
16. Antony Kelava
17. Vasko Stojceski
18. Silvio Miceli
19. Matthew Valeri
20. Dennis Langone

Coach: Chris Tanzey  
Assistant: Rod Lynes  
Manager: Chris Conti

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Socks: White  
Trim: Blue

### Alternate Strip

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Shorts: Blue  
Trim: Yellow

Socks: Blue  
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## Sydney United Youth

1. Tom Miletic
2. Josip Badrov
3. Patrick Mustac
4. Jason Curic
5. Dean Culina
6. Darko Zoric
7. Jane talcevski
8. Joe Moric
9. Mark Soric
10. Jacob Burns
11. Ante Deur
12. Jason Culina
13. Eddie Bosnar
14. Ante Seric

Coach: Ivan Petkovic

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### Alternate Strip

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## Then & Now

*Extracts from a recent article for Studs Up, prepared by foundation Canberra City member, Chris Kunz on the comparisons between Canberra City and Canberra Cosmos in the NSL.*

### Type of Support

**Then:** Community based until the decision to merge with Greek backed Downer Olympic Club. Moving from a position where people of all origins had mixed harmoniously and for a common cause, to one where Greek flags appeared in 1982 - alienating many.

**Now:** Community based once again, after David Hill and Soccer Australia refused Canberra Deakin's bid to run an NSL entry.

### Crowd Content

**Then:** Around 65% male with quite a few family groups.  
**Now:** Look for the ratio to change to 55% male or even less. Many more women and girls play and support soccer.

### Sponsorship and Finances

**Then:** The biggest individual sponsor was Brian Pollock Ford with much of the funding support from the licensed Canberra City Soccer Club.  
**Now:** Canberra is now a significantly larger market for any potential major sponsor (said to be three in current negotiations). Support is been considered by some of Canberra's larger soccer clubs.

### Season

**Then:** Winter, with best match attendance in early June (v Marconi, 8,875)  
**Now:** An opportunity to spend beautiful summer nights with the family.

# Competition Tables

## ERICSSON CUP TABLE as at 8th October 1995

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GOALS		PTS
					F	A	
Morwell Falcons	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Marconi Fairfield	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Adelaide City	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Melbourne Knights	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Newcastle Breakers	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
UTS Olympic	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Sydney United	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
West Adelaide	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
South Melbourne	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Brisbane Strikers	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Canberra Cosmos	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Wollongong City	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

## MATCH RESULTS 6/7/8th October

MORWELL FALONS	4	v	1	WOLLONGONG CITY
CANBERRA COSMOS	0	v	2	ADELAIDE CITY
NEWCASTLE BREAK	2	v	2	UTS OLYMPIC
M'BOURNE KNIGHTS	1	v	0	STH MELBOURNE
SYDNEY UNITED	0	v	0	WEST ADELAIDE
BRISBANE STRIKERS	1	v	3	MARCONI F'FIELD

## LES SCHEINFLUG YOUTH CUP as at 8th October 1995

Team	P	W	D	L	Goals		Pts
					F	A	
Sydney United	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
ACT Academy of Sport	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Wollongong City	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
QLD Academy of Sport	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Newcastle Breakers	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
AIS	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Parramatta Eagles	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
UTS Olympic	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Marconi Fairfield	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
NSW ITC	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Blacktown City	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
St George	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

## MATCH RESULTS 6/7/8th October

NEWCASTLE BRAEK	2	v	1	UTS OLYMPIC
NSW ITC	1	v	4	ACT ACADEMY
BLACKTOWN CITY	0	v	3	WOLLONGONG CITY
AIS	0	v	0	PARRAMATTA
QLD ACADEMY	2	v	1	MARCONI
SYDNEY UNITED	5	v	1	ST GEORGE

## COSMOS

## Next Home Game

versus

UTS Olympic

28th Oct.  
7.00pm

## RESULTS SERVICE

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THE SUMMER



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CANBERRA COSMOS

## THEN & NOW

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### Coach

Then Johnny Warren to begin with, followed by Vic Fernandez and others

Now: Former Everton star Mike Lyons, who last coached at Brunei.

### Team Composition

Then: Johnny Warren mixed talented young locals with imports from South Africa and Britain (the British Mafia as Johnny called them)

Now: A mix of capable local league players, former Canberra stars playing elsewhere, West Australians, British imports and Paul Wade.

### Home Ground

Then: Manuka Oval in 1977 and then Bruce Stadium

Now: Bruce Stadium (capacity 25,000) set in the picturesque and architecturally beautiful grounds of the AIS. Despite what proud and parochial supporters elsewhere may claim, no A League venue could compare - approaching Bruce on a summer night with the ghost gums and surrounding bush spattered with light from four trifid light towers, one could almost believe the complex was the result of special extra terrestrial visitation.

### Competition

Then: Canberra City was the first team to represent Canberra in a National sporting competition. Others such as the Raiders and Cannons followed.

Now: Many more teams in many more sports. Hockey, Water Polo, Baseball (until recently).

### Summary

The court case over the league composition and the resulting freeze on transfer has proved to be a nightmare for the Cosmos, from both a playing staff and sponsorship finalisation stand-point. However, there are a number of comparatively positive indicators:

- Canberra's population has increased by nearly 50% since Canberra City's halcyon days of 1978.
- More female spectators means more money:
- Paul Wade will be great for projecting the club image.
- Bruce on a summer night is a wonderland - a far different proposition to the ground in winter.

...I'll be queuing for a season ticket as soon as they go on sale!

### Cover Photograph

Paul Wade courtesy of Canberra Times